

Castle Rocks State Park now offers two yurts (Pinyon and Sage) for rent in Smoky Mountain Campground.



Experience a modern adaptation of the ancient shelter used for centuries by Central Asian nomads. Though generally classified as a tent, the yurt is much stronger and weather-tight. The structure is constructed on a wooden deck. A transparent dome with ceiling fan allows for ventilation and views of the night sky.



Guests will find a spacious 18-foot diameter living area that accommodates up to six occupants (two bunk beds - twin over full). Furniture includes a table, six stools, a hutch for storage and food preparation, and a wood-burning fireplace for heating. allows for a maximum of six individuals.

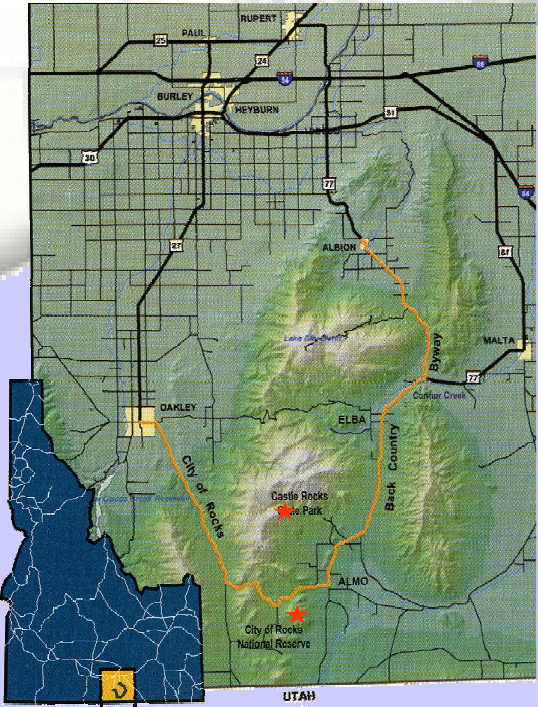
The yurts are equipped with electricity, including a fan, light, and receptacles. Water is located at an outside spigot, and guests are welcome to use the campground showers and flush toilets (in season) a few hundred feet away. A fire ring and picnic table are also provided outside the yurt. Best of all, WiFi is available, so you never have to be out of touch.



Smoky Mountain Campground offers 38 sites. Sites 1-31 are general campsites. Sites 11 and 24 are designated ADA accessible. Sites 33-38 are designated for equestrian campers. The camp host is located at Site 32. Each campsite is equipped with 30 amp electrical service, water service (in season), partial shade, picnic tables, vehicle pads, and is pet friendly. Smoky Mountain also features an RV dump station. Recycling stations are located near the shower house and Site 31. Sites 36 and 37 are designated to accommodate a small group and share a picnic table and fire ring. WiFi is also available throughout the campground.



Three restrooms are available at Smoky Mountain. Flush toilets are available in the shower building (in season) and the building located behind the camp host site. A vault toilet is available year round at the equestrian trail head. Shower facilities are located in the center of the campground.



DIRECTIONS: From I-84 East, take Exit 216 to Declo. Continue south on highway 77 to Connor Creek, then turn right (west). Two miles north of Almo, turn right (west) onto 2800 South for 1.4 miles to park entrance. **From I-84 west**, take exit 245 to Malta. Turn left (south) onto highway 81 for .2 miles to highway 77, then turn right (west). At Connor Creek junction, follow directions above toward Almo.

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Castle Rocks, nestled in Big Cove at the base of 10,339-foot Cache Peak, offers diverse recreational opportunities in a magnificent geologic setting. It is a place where solitude, natural beauty, and ranching heritage blend to enrich the visitor experience.

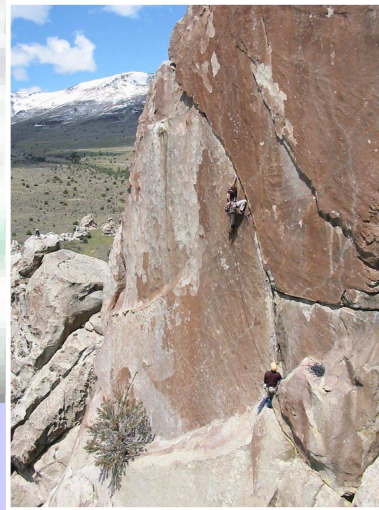
The granite spires and monoliths of Castle Rocks and nearby City of Rocks are the northern crown jewels of the Basin and Range province. The park is located two miles northwest of the village of Almo in southern Cassia County, Idaho.

Until 1999, the 1,240-acre ranch was privately owned. The Conservation Fund and The Access Fund purchased the property to be placed in public ownership. The Castle Rock Ranch Acquisition Act of 2000 authorized the National Park Service to purchase and trade the land to the State of Idaho for lands within Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument. In 2007, the state added another 200 acres to the park and also purchased a 120-acre conservation easement to provide recreation access.

Efforts are underway to convert the 1893 brick house into a Bed & Breakfast in 2011.

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Climbing is the most popular activity at Castle Rocks. Traditional climbing, or “clean climbing” for all ages and experience levels is permitted in most areas of the park.



Climbing inherently involves risk. A high ethic of safety should be demonstrated by persons engaging in this activity. Be mindful of children near cliffs and rugged areas. By adhering to park rules, the climber and the environment will benefit.

Climbing activities are regulated according to a management plan. Placing fixed anchors requires a permit from the manager.

Hiking trails range from easy to strenuous. Park rangers can provide detailed information and maps regarding routes to suit your ability.

Birdwatchers may view a variety of birds year-round, but best times are during the spring and fall migration. Swainson’s Hawk, Lazuli Bunting, and Spotted Towhee are a few of the birds seen. Look for the secretive Common Snipe, Greater Sage Grouse, or Sandhill Crane.

Photography fits well with every activity at Castle Rocks, so don't forget the camera. From impressive scenic landscapes to “portraits” of wildflowers, wildlife, and rock climbers, you to can create award-winning photographs.

Horseback riding and mountain biking are popular activities on roads and designated trails throughout the area.



Wildlife is abundant. Black-tailed jackrabbit, Paiute ground squirrel, and wintering herds of mule deer are plentiful in the thick sagebrush steppe. Rarely seen mountain lion, elk, and bobcat occur in the park and in the adjacent Albion mountains.

Wildflowers abound April through August. The meadows come alive with Rocky Mountain Iris in late May. Enjoy Shooting Star, Buttercup Checkermallow or the hard to find Bog Orchid.

A variety of butterflies such as the Tiger Swallowtail are abundant. Each year visitors are invited to participate in a butterfly count sponsored by the NABA (National Butterfly Association).

Winter activities abound. The park’s landscape provides many opportunities for snowshoe enthusiasts. Bring your own, or rent from the park. Wildlife watching and photography are highlight of the season. Yurts are available for rent year-round.

Group Activities

Choose Castle Rocks State Park as your destination to celebrate family reunions and weddings. Our visitor services assistants are ready to help you plan your gathering or event.

